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Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa

The General Assembly,

Recalling the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries,[1] the International Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade[2] the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s[3] and its resolution 53/177 of 15 December 1998 on industrial development cooperation,

Taking note of the declaration adopted by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of 77 at their twenty-third annual meeting, held in New York on 24 September 1999,[4]

Taking note also of the Declaration on Africa's Industrialization,[5] adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at its thirty-third ordinary session, held at Harare, from 2 to 4 June 1997, the Plan of Action for the Alliance for Africa's Industrialization, adopted by the Conference of African Ministers of Industry at its thirteenth meeting, held at Accra in May 1997, the final communiqué of the first meeting of the Patrons Group of Heads of State and Government of the Alliance for Africa's Industrialization, adopted at Algiers on 13 July 1999,[6] and the Conference on Industrial Partnerships and Investment in Africa, held at Dakar, on 20 and 21 October 1999,

Recalling the statement of the Conference of African Ministers of Trade to the Third Ministerial Conference of the World Trade Organization, held at Algiers in September 1999,

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* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

[1] Resolution S-18/3, annex.

[2] Resolution 45/199, annex.

[3] Resolution 46/151, annex.

[4] A/54/432.

[5] See A/52/465, annex II.

[6] A/54/320, annex.

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and resolution 2 (XIV) of the Conference of African Ministers of Industry, held at Dakar in October 1999, both of which recognize the critical need for support for African countries in addressing the supply-side constraints to their integration into the world economy,

Recognizing the importance of industrialization as a key element in promoting sustained economic growth and sustainable development in Africa as well as its role in the creation of a sound environment for the eradication of poverty through, *inter alia*, the promotion of competitiveness, productive employment, capacity-building and gender mainstreaming,

Also recognizing the commendable efforts of African countries to engage their respective private sectors in policy dialogue at the highest levels and to improve further the capacity of the private sector, including small and medium-sized enterprises,

Further recognizing the continuing need for the international community to extend technical and other support, including, *inter alia*, enhanced official development assistance, investment guarantees, debt-for-industrial-development swaps and enhanced market access to enable the continent to leverage domestic and international resources and investment to take advantage of the increasing role of the private sector,

Welcoming the reform and revitalization of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization as well as its new approach of providing comprehensive packages of integrated services, promoting sustainable industrial development in African countries, and its approach to field activities through joint programming with the United Nations resident coordinator system, and commending the United Nations Industrial Development Organization for initiating closer collaboration with the World Trade Organization, with the participation of their sovereign member States, with a view to, *inter alia*, contributing to efforts for enhancing market access for African industrial products,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the programme for the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa (1993-2002);[7]

2. *Reaffirms* the need for the African countries that have yet to do so to integrate the objectives of the Alliance for Africa's Industrialization into their national plans and into the establishment of institutional capacity for monitoring programmes and related projects;

3. *Calls upon* the international community, the African Development Bank and other relevant regional institutions to support the implementation of the programme for the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa and the Plan of Action of the Alliance for Africa's Industrialization, including the outcome of the Conference on Industrial Partnerships and Investment in Africa;

4. *Invites* donor countries, the World Bank, the African Development Bank and United Nations funds and programmes, in accordance with their respective mandates, to support the efforts of the African countries to intensify and expand industrial cooperation among themselves;

5. *Calls upon* the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to strengthen its close working relationship with the World Trade Organization and other relevant multilateral institutions, with the participation of their sovereign member States, for the provision of technical assistance to African countries, particularly the least developed countries, to enhance their capacity to overcome technical barriers to trade in industrial and other products, and for alleviating supply-side constraints and promoting industrial competitiveness within the context of the integrated framework initiative;

[7] A/54/320.

6. *Requests* the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the Economic Commission for Africa, in accordance with their respective mandates, and in coordination with the United Nations system, to support African countries in the implementation of the relevant recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General;[7]

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution.